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SUBJ: TOOLS AND TEST EQUIPMENT FOR NEW HOT LINE CYPHER DEVICE

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1. SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION V/ O MASHPRIBORINTORG, RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT FOR NEW HOT LINE, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IS HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE SET OF TOOLS AND TEST EQUIPMENT FOR SIEMENS TELEGRAPH CODER-12 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS TRANSMITTED REF OM. EMBASSY URGES PROMPT CONTRACTURAL ACTION.

2. MASHPRIBORINTORG HAS ALSO REQUESTED EMBASSY ON URGENT BASIS TO ASCERTAIN FROM WASHINGTON WHEN US SIDE WILL SUBMIT COMMERICAL PROPOSAL FOR SALE OF 32 SETS OF TELEGRAPH CODER-12 ITSELF (REFTEL B, PARA 2 A). SOVIETS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PURCHASING EQUIPMENT IN THIRD QUARTER OF 1973 AND INSTALLING IT BY END OF YEAR, BUT ARE NOW GREATLY CONCERNED THAT ANY FURTHER DELAY IN RECEIVING PROPOSAL WILL MAKE THIS SCHEDULE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET. IN RAISING MATTER WITH EMBASSY, MASHPRIBORINTORG DEPUTY CHAIRMAN POTEKHIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PERHAPS FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV VISIT TO US WOULD SERVE AS INCENTIVE TO SPEED MATTER UP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE STATUS REPORT ON PROCUREMENT OF TELEGRAPH CODER-12 EQUIPMENT AND ANY ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN COMMERICAL PROPOSAL FOR ITS SALE WILL BE SENT TO SOVIETS.

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